Amendments to the Claims:

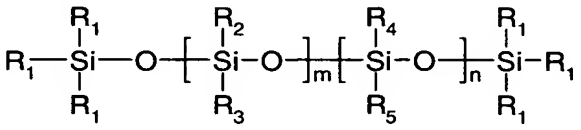
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An imaging element comprising a support having thereon, in order, at least one imaging layer, at least one interlayer containing a lubricant which provides scratch-resistance, which is a higher fatty acid or a derivative thereof or a higher alcohol or a derivative thereof and at least one outermost layer containing a ~~different~~ lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance which is different from the lubricant providing scratch resistance.

2. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to~~ of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance is a silicone-based lubricant.

3. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to either of the preceding claims~~ of claim 2 wherein said lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance is a siloxane having the formula (I):-



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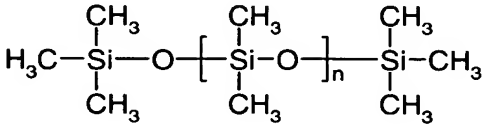
wherein each R_1 is independently an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, R_2 R_3, R_4 and R_5 each represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, alkoxy aryloxyalkyl, glycidyloxyalkyl group or aryl group, and n and m each represents a positive integer of from 0 to 2,500, with the proviso that both m and n cannot be 0.

4. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to~~ of claim 3 wherein in formula (I), each R_1 is the same and is an unsubstituted alkyl group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms or an alkoxy group having either 1 or 2 carbon atoms.

5. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to either~~ of claims 3 ~~and~~ 4 wherein in formula (I) R_2, R_3, R_4 and R_5 each represents an unsubstituted alkyl group.

6. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to any one~~ of claims 3 ~~to~~ ~~5~~ wherein m is 0 and n is an integer from 2-500.

7. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to any one~~ of ~~the preceding~~ claims 3 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance has a viscosity of 350 centistokes and an average molecular weight of 13,700 and has the formula:-



wherein n is an average of 183.

8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance is present in a concentration of from about 35 to about 65 mg/m^2.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to~~ of claim ~~9~~ 1 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant providing scratch resistance is a metal salt of a higher fatty acid, a higher fatty acid ester, a higher fatty acid amide or a polyhydric alcohol ester of a higher fatty acid.

11. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to either~~ of claims ~~9 and~~ 10 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant is a derivative of a fatty acid selected from the class consisting of palmitic, stearic, oleic, linoleic, linolenic or tauric acids.

12. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to~~ of claim 11 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant comprises 'Spermalube'.

13. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said lubricant which provides scratch-resistance is present in a concentration of from about 15 to about 30 mg/m^2.

14. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said element is selected from the class consisting of photographic, electrostatographic, photothermographic, electrothermographic, dielectric recording and thermal-dye-transfer imaging elements.

15. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to~~ ~~of~~ claim 14 wherein ~~the~~ said element is a black-and-white photographic element in which at least one of the imaging layers comprises a radiation-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer.

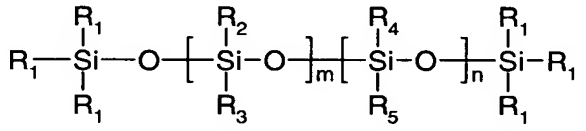
16. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to~~ of claim 15 wherein ~~the~~ said silver halide emulsion comprises a silver chlorobromide emulsion.

17. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said element includes a nucleator capable of providing high contrast development in a latent-image forming layer.

18. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The element ~~according to anyone of the preceding claims~~ of claim 17 which includes a booster.

19. (currently amended) A method for processing ~~an~~ the imaging element ~~according to any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1, which comprises developing ~~the~~ said element with an alkaline developing solution.

20. (new) The method of claim 19 wherein said lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance is a siloxane having the formula (I):-



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wherein each R_1 is independently an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, R_2 R_3, R_4 and R_5 each represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, alkoxy aryloxyalkyl, glycidyloxyalkyl group or aryl group, and n and m each represents a positive integer of from 0 to 2,500, with the proviso that both m and n cannot be 0.

21. (new) The method of claim 19 wherein said lubricant which provides scratch resistance is a derivative of a fatty acid selected from the class consisting of palmitic, stearic, oleic, linoleic, linolenic or tauric acids.